Mount Vernon Master Plan
Transportation and Parking Committee
September 19, 2012

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

John Molino, resident
Charlie Duff, Midtown District
Faith Millspaugh, Mt Vernon Club
Lance Decker, MVBA, resident
Fran Van Wagenberg, Mt Vernon
Ed Cohen, MVBC/TRAC
Mary Carpenter, Mt Vernon Club
Trish D'Angelo, Mt Vernon Club
Vince Thomas, Parking Authority
Melissa Krafchik, Parking authority
Theo Ngongang, DOT

Discussion:

1. Review of the minutes from last meeting, no comments/correction

2. Theo Ngongang presented comments from Frank Murphy (DOT Deputy Director) and Jim Harkness (DOT Traffic Chief) regarding Committee's proposed traffic changes (see attached)
    a. Committee clearly stated its disappointment with DOT's comments
    b. Committee agreed to request the following from DOT:
        1. DOT Traffic to provide data to support their claims (safety, congestion, traffic flow, volume, capacity)
        2. DOT Traffic to provide an alternative to the Committee's proposal/recommendation that takes into consideration the concept of livability
        3. DOT Traffic to hire a (neutral) traffic consultant to run a traffic model on St Paul Street to give the community a fair assessment of their recommendations
        4. DOT to come to a Mt Vernon Transportation committee meeting to articulate its position

3. Charlie Duff presented the Homewood Community Partners Initiative's community Plans Overlay addressing traffic and other livability issues just north of Mt Vernon and presenting strategies (see attached)

4. Vince Thomas stated that the Parking Authority will invite Sabra Wang and Associates (Parking Study Consultants) to come and present the status of their report and to answer questions. Meeting to be scheduled before next Committee meeting.

5. Committee discussed idea of extending existing 2-hour restriction (under current RPP in Mt Vernon) to 24 hours. Vince stated that such request should come from the community to Parking Authority.

6. Next meeting scheduled for October 18th at 6:30PM
    a. Invitation extended to DOT Traffic